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REMARKS

Applicants elect the species identified in the office action in figure 4. Claims 1-11, 13-25, which read on the elected species, thus remain pending in this patent application. Note that claim 5 was amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants make this election with traverse. In particular, at least one of the pending claims is generic and thus, reads on all the figures. For example, claim 1 reads on all of the figures. Consequently, if generic claim 1 is allowed, the withdrawn claims should be considered.

This election should not be construed to limit all embodiments to the specific elements shown in figure 4. Instead, as repeated throughout the specification, figure 4 is but one embodiment of the claimed invention.

The application thus is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Steven Saunders, if it will assist examination of the pending claims.

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